

Remarks

Claim 1 is amended.

Claims 1-7 and 9-10 are pending and are under consideration.

Claim 1 is amended to require component (a) to be an alkaline soluble acrylic polymer having carboxylic acid function as a pendant group and having a molecular weight of about 2,000 to 2,000,000, and an acid value from 50 to 600 mg KOH/g. Support is found in the specification, page 3, first 5 lines of the "component (a)" section.

Claim 1 is also amended to make the last line more clear.

No new matter is added.

Claims 1-7, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for reasons of record.

The last line of claim 1 is amended to be more clear. Applicants submit that these amendments address and overcome these rejections.

Claims 1-7, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elzer, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 4,725,524 in view of either Burri, U.S. Pat. No. 4,154,463 or Iwasaki, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 4,598,036.

Applicants respectfully rebut these rejections.

Elzer employs a Leuco Crystal Violet as a leuco dye, see Example 1, col. 20 therein. The present application requires the use of certain leuco triphenylmethane dyes as colorant.

Applicants point out the results of the present working Examples 1-3, pages 20-24 of the disclosure. Formulations containing a compound of formula I of the present invention are compared to formulations containing Leuco Crystal Violet. The present formulations provide for outstanding color stability under heating.

The Examples show that using a leuco dye of present formula I, that unfavorable color generation during a heat lamination process is reduced and enough color generation can be achieved after UV exposure.

These outstanding results are unexpected based on the combination of cited references and could not have been predicted.

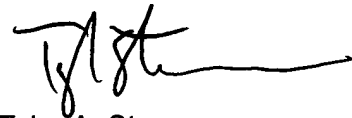
Applicants submit that in light of the surprising results, that the 35 USC 103(a) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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